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AMERICAN INSTITUTE EXAMINATIONS

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EXAMINATION IN ACCOUNTING THEORY AND PRACTICE—PART I

May 11, 1933, 1:30 P. M. to 6:30 P. M.

The candidate must answer the first three questions and one other question.

No. 2 (32 points):

In order to obtain a controlled source of crude oil to augment its own small production, the X Refining Corporation purchased the entire outstanding capital stock of the K O Producing Company. The latter company had developed several prolific wells in a pool area, and the owners were looking for a market for the oil. To finance the purchase of the subsidiary, the refining corporation sold \$600,000 of 7 per cent. preferred stock and paid cash for the capital stock of the producing company.

At December 31, 1930, you are engaged to submit a report covering the operations for the year 1930. On the basis of information furnished herewith prepare

- (1) Consolidating balance-sheet as at December 31, 1930.
- (2) Consolidating profit-and-loss statement for the year 1930.
- (3) Consolidated surplus account for the year 1930.

Trial-balances (per books), December 31, 1930

	X Refining Corp.	K O Producing Company
Asset accounts:		
Cash	\$ 110,000	\$ 24,392
Accounts receivable	125,370	42,600
Inventories	75,640	5,762
Refinery and other property (cost)	1,007,391	
Oil property—		
Lease cost		1,000
Development expense		144,328
Equipment on lease		25,541
Other assets	32,000	31,000
Investment in K O capital stock	719,500	
	<u>\$2,069,901</u>	<u>\$274,623</u>
Liability accounts:		
Notes payable—banks	\$ 150,000	\$
Accounts payable	113,689	10,705
Accrued items	15,104	2,827
Reserves for depletion and depreciation	202,321	
Preferred stock—7 per cent.	600,000	
Common stock—		
80,000 shares of \$10 each	800,000	
10,000 shares of no par value		100,000
Surplus balance	188,787	161,091
	<u>\$2,069,901</u>	<u>\$274,623</u>

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Investment account in K O stock			
Shares bought:			
December 10, 1929.....	4,900 @ \$75	\$367,500	
December 28, 1929.....	1,000 @ 65	65,000	
January 15, 1930.....	4,100 @ 70	287,000	
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>\$719,500</u>	

For practical purposes, the date of acquisition was December 31, 1929, and may be so considered in this problem.

X REFINING CORPORATION Profit-and-loss account (per books)			
	Year 1929	Year 1930	
Operating revenue.....	\$932,609	\$865,392	
Operating and general expenses.....	765,503	775,255	
	<u>\$167,106</u>	<u>\$ 90,137</u>	
Depreciation and depletion.....	\$ 79,886	\$ 82,401	
Net operating income.....	\$ 87,220	\$ 7,736	
Dividends received on K O stock.....	24,500	250,000	
Net profit.....	<u>\$111,720</u>	<u>\$257,736</u>	
Dividends paid on preferred stock.....		\$ 42,000	
Dividends paid on common stock.....	\$ 80,000	120,000	
	<u>\$ 80,000</u>	<u>\$162,000</u>	
Net revenue—to surplus.....	\$ 31,720	\$ 95,736	
Opening surplus.....	61,331	93,051	
Closing surplus.....	<u>\$ 93,051</u>	<u>\$188,787</u>	

K O PRODUCING COMPANY Profit-and-loss account (per books) (Operations commenced January, 1928)			
	Year 1928	Year 1929	Year 1930
Barrels of oil produced.....	<u>101,330</u>	<u>398,742</u>	<u>528,067</u>
Oil sales.....	\$152,309	\$477,822	\$573,112
Operating and general expenses.....	136,103	271,597	284,452
	<u>\$ 16,206</u>	<u>\$206,225</u>	<u>\$288,660</u>
Provision for depletion.....			
Net income.....	<u>\$ 16,206</u>	<u>\$206,225</u>	<u>\$288,660</u>
Dividends paid—June 15th.....		\$50,000	\$100,000
Dividends paid—December 15th.....		50,000	150,000
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>
Net revenue—to surplus.....	\$ 16,206	\$106,225	\$ 38,660
Opening surplus.....		16,206	122,431
Closing surplus.....	<u>\$ 16,206</u>	<u>\$122,431</u>	<u>\$161,091</u>

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMARKS

The oil reserves (recoverable oil underground) of the K O Producing Company were estimated, by reliable geologists, to be 1,407,600 bbls. at December 31, 1930.

No depletion has ever been provided in the accounts of the K O Producing Company.

For the sake of simplification, assume that no capital additions have been made in the period under audit.

Inter-company sales, during 1930, amounted to \$373,408. Inter-company profit remaining in inventories is nominal and may be ignored.

Disregard federal-income-tax features.

Solution:

To correctly state the profits and surplus of the K O Producing Company, it will be necessary to compute the depletion and depreciation charges on the fixed assets, as follows:

	Barrels
Oil reserves, January 1, 1928:	
Oil reserves, as estimated, at December 31, 1930 . . .	1,407,600
Production for the years:	
1928	101,330
1929	398,742
1930	<u>528,067</u>
Total	<u>1,028,139</u>
	<u>2,435,739</u>
Property cost:	
Lease cost	\$ 1,000
Development expense	144,328
Equipment on lease	<u>25,541</u>
Total	\$ 170,869

(NOTE.—Nothing being stated to the contrary, the equipment on lease is depreciated on the basis of production.)

Cost per thousand barrels is, therefore, $\$170,869 \div 2,435,739$ bbls. or \$70.15.

The adjustment for depletion and depreciation follows:

	Barrels	Amount
Chargeable to surplus, January 1, 1930:		
Production:		
1928	101,330	
1929	398,742	
Total	<u>500,072</u>	\$35,080
Chargeable to profit and loss, 1930:		
Production	<u>528,067</u>	37,044
Total for the three years	1,028,139	\$72,124

As the K O Producing Company, for practical purposes, was acquired on December 31, 1929, the dividend of \$24,500 received from it during 1929 by the X Refining Company should be treated by that company as a reduction of the cost of its investment. The adjustment would be:

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Surplus.....	\$24,500	
Investment in K O capital stock.....		\$24,500
To transfer the dividend received, which was a reduction of the cost of the investment rather than income.		
This adjustment affects both the computation of the goodwill arising from the purchase of the stock of the K O Producing Company, and the consolidated surplus.		
The computation of the goodwill arising from the purchase of the K O Producing Company follows:		
Cost of stock, as of January 1, 1930.....	\$719,500	
Less—dividends received, December 1929.....	24,500	
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Adjusted cost of stock.....		\$695,000
Net worth of the K O Producing Company as at January 1, 1930:		
Capital stock.....	\$100,000	
Surplus—per books.....	\$122,431	
Less—accrued depletion.....	35,080	87,351
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Adjusted net worth.....		187,351
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Goodwill arising from purchase.....		\$507,649
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This "goodwill" of \$507,649, when contrasted with the K O Producing Company's net assets of only \$187,351, indicates very clearly that the value of the company's oil reserves is far in excess of their book cost. From the standpoint of the consolidated group, this \$507,649 may be considered as representing additional cost of the oil properties. Furthermore, the oil will be exhausted in less than three years at the 1930 rate of production. For these reasons it is necessary to write off this \$507,649 property premium against the income from the oil property, on the basis of barrels of oil produced.

If this is not done, the income of the consolidated group will be overstated for the next three years. Then, when all of the oil has been extracted, the premium of \$507,649 will remain on the books, a worthless asset.

The charge to 1930 income for amortization of this property premium is computed as follows:

Oil reserves, January 1, 1930 (1,407,600 plus 528,067).....	1,935,677 barrels
Property premium.....	\$507,649
Premium per 1,000 barrels.....	\$262.26
Premium chargeable to 1930 (528.067 x \$262.26).....	\$138,491

The following consolidated statement of profit and loss has been prepared from the separate profit-and-loss statements given in the problem, after giving effect to (1) the inter-company sales and purchases of \$373,408, (2) the adjustment for depletion and depreciation of \$37,044 shown above, and (3) the amortization of property premium.

It must be assumed, in making the elimination for the inter-company sales, that "operating revenue" represents sales, and not gross profit.

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X REFINING CORPORATION

Consolidated statement of profit and loss, year ended December 31, 1930

	X Refining Corpo- ration	K O Producing Com- pany	Adjust- ments and elim- inations	Consoli- dated
Oil sales and operating revenue	\$865,392	\$573,112	\$373,408*	\$1,065,096
Operating and general expenses.....	<u>775,255</u>	<u>284,452</u>	<u>373,408*</u>	<u>686,299</u>
Net profit before depreciation and depletion.....	\$ 90,137	\$288,660	\$	\$ 378,797
Depreciation and depletion...	<u>82,401</u>	<u>37,044</u>	<u>138,491</u>	<u>257,936</u>
Net profit (before federal income tax).....	<u>\$ 7,736</u>	<u>\$251,616</u>	<u>\$138,491</u>	<u>\$ 120,861</u>

X REFINING CORPORATION

Statement of consolidated surplus for the year ended December 31, 1930

Balance, January 1, 1930.....	\$ 93,051
Less—adjustment for dividend received from K O Producing Company, December, 1929.....	<u>24,500</u>
Adjusted balance, January 1, 1930.....	\$ 68,551
Consolidated profits for the year 1930.....	<u>120,861</u>
Total.....	\$189,412
Dividends paid:	
Preferred.....	\$ 42,000
Common.....	<u>120,000</u>
Balance, December 31, 1930.....	<u>\$ 27,412</u>

The consolidated balance-sheet which follows was prepared without working papers. The reciprocal accounts, i.e., the investment account on the books of the X Refining Corporation and the capital stock and surplus accounts of the K O Producing Company were eliminated, and the property premium and reserves for depreciation and depletion as computed above were taken up. The amounts in the other accounts in the balance-sheet were obtained by cross-adding like accounts on the face of the problem.

X REFINING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY

Consolidated balance-sheet, December 31, 1930

Assets

Current assets:

Cash.....	\$134,392
Accounts receivable.....	167,970
Inventories.....	<u>81,402</u>
Total current assets.....	\$ 383,764

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Fixed assets:			
Refinery and other property (cost).....	\$1,007,391		
Reserves for depletion and depreciation..	202,321		
			\$805,070
Oil property:			
Lease cost.....	\$ 1,000		
Development expense.....	144,328		
Equipment on lease.....	25,541		
Total.....	\$ 170,869		
Reserves for depletion and depreciation	72,124	98,745	
Total fixed assets.....			\$ 903,815
Premium on oil property.....		\$507,649	
Less—amortization.....		138,491	
Net book value.....			369,158
Other assets.....			63,000
			\$1,719,737

Liabilities and Net Worth

Current liabilities:			
Notes payable—banks.....	\$150,000		
Accounts payable.....	124,394		
Accrued items.....	17,931		
Total current liabilities.....			\$ 292,325
Net worth:			
Preferred stock, 7%, 6,000 shares.....	\$600,000		
Common stock, 80,000 shares.....	800,000		
Surplus.....	27,412		
Total net worth.....			1,427,412
			\$1,719,737

No. 3 (17 points):

From the following data submit, in detail and in total, the value, at cost, of the closing inventory. If there is any inconsistency with regard to the selling prices of the several sizes, state your explanation.

During a certain period, a plate-glass factory cast and rolled about 850,000 square feet of glass. The product, after cutting up in order to eliminate defects, was priced for sale as follows:

Size	No. 1	28 cents per square foot
" "	2	24 " " " "
" "	3	22 " " " "
" "	4	20 " " " "
" "	5	14 " " " "
" "	6	5 " " " "

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Any product below No. 6 was returned to process and remelted.

As may be seen, the selling price for a given quality varied with the size, the largest perfect sheets selling for the highest price per square foot.

The total cost of materials, manufacture, grinding, polishing, cutting and sorting, including factory expense, was \$120,807.

The inventories—in square feet—were

	Opening	Closing
Size No. 1.....	10,000	12,860
“ “ 2.....		11,000
“ “ 3.....	10,000	23,000
“ “ 4.....		6,000
“ “ 5.....		
“ “ 6.....		2,000

The sales—at list selling prices—were

Size No. 1.....	\$30,240
“ “ 2.....	36,480
“ “ 3.....	35,376
“ “ 4.....	21,100
“ “ 5.....	9,030
“ “ 6.....	2,300

Solution:

The production in square feet for the year of the different sizes of plate-glass appearing in the closing inventory is shown on the following page.

From the computation, it will be seen that the production of 671,660 square feet is considerably less than the stated amount (850,000 square feet) cast and rolled during the year. It must be assumed that this difference was “below No. 6” and was returned to process and remelted. It must further be assumed that the cost of materials, manufacture, grinding, polishing, cutting and sorting, including factory expense was credited with the cost of the material which was returned for casting and rolling in arriving at the cost of \$120,807.

Ignoring the factor of grades or selling prices, the cost per square foot of the glass produced during the year would be $(\$120,807 \div 671,660)$ or \$.1798633. On the basis of this cost, the selling price of size 1 results in a gross profit of 10 cents per square foot and the selling price of grade 6, a gross loss of 13 cents per square foot. The inventory by sizes, follows:

Closing inventory—at \$.1798633 per square foot

Size	Square feet	Cost
1.....	12,860	\$2,313.04
2.....	11,000	1,978.50
3.....	23,000	4,136.86
4.....	6,000	1,079.18
5.....		
6.....	2,000	359.73
Total.....	54,860	\$9,867.31

A better method, which is generally recognized, would be to allocate the cost to the various sizes on the basis of the selling prices, as shown on p. 142.

Computation of square feet produced, by sizes

Size	Sales				Closing inventory	Opening inventory	Production
	Amount	Unit price	Quantity				
1.....	\$ 30,240	\$.28	108,000 sq. ft.		12,860 sq. ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	110,860 sq. ft.
2.....	36,480	.24	152,000		11,000		163,000
3.....	35,376	.22	160,800		23,000	10,000	173,800
4.....	21,100	.20	105,500		6,000		111,500
5.....	9,030	.14	64,500				64,500
6.....	2,300	.05	46,000		2,000		48,000
Total.....	\$134,526		636,800 sq. ft.		54,860 sq. ft.	20,000 sq. ft.	671,660 sq. ft.

Computation of unit costs of sizes based upon selling prices

Size	Production	Sales price	Production at sales price	Ratio to total	Total cost in same ratio	Unit cost
	sq. ft.					
1.....	110,860 sq. ft.	\$.28	\$ 31,040.80	21.8%	\$ 26,335.93	\$.2375
2.....	163,000	.24	39,120.00	27.5	33,221.92	.2038
3.....	173,800	.22	38,236.00	26.9	32,497.08	.1870
4.....	111,500	.20	22,300.00	15.7	18,966.70	.1701
5.....	64,500	.14	9,030.00	6.4	7,731.65	.1200
6.....	48,000	.05	2,400.00	1.7	2,053.72	.0428
Total.....	671,660 sq. ft.		\$142,126.80	100.0%	\$120,807.00	

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Computation of closing inventory			
Size	Square feet	Per square foot	Total
1.....	12,860	\$.2375	\$ 3,054.25
2.....	11,000	.2038	2,241.80
3.....	23,000	.1870	4,301.00
4.....	6,000	.1701	1,020.60
5.....		.1200	
6.....	2,000	.0428	85.60
Total	<u>54,860</u>		<u>\$10,703.25</u>

The computation on the preceding page may be shortened somewhat in the following manner. After the production in square feet and the sales price of the production have been ascertained, the ratio of the cost of production to the sales price can be determined. This ratio ($\$120,807 \div \$142,126.80$) of .8499+ may then be applied to the separate selling prices of the various sizes to determine the cost, as follows:

Size	Sales price	Cost
1.....	\$.28	\$.2380
2.....	.24	.2040
3.....	.22	.1870
4.....	.20	.1700
5.....	.14	.1190
6.....	.05	.0425

The closing inventory, based on these costs, follows:

Size	Square feet	Cost per square foot	Total
1.....	12,860	\$.2380	\$ 3,060.68
2.....	11,000	.2040	2,244.00
3.....	23,000	.1870	4,301.00
4.....	6,000	.1700	1,020.00
5.....		.1190	
6.....	2,000	.0425	85.00
Total	<u>54,860</u>		<u>\$10,710.68</u>

No. 4 (14 points):

From the following data, prepare entries for the corporation's books to record all exchange transactions, the exchange position, and profits realized. Show, also, what the result would have been had the exchange risk not been covered.

A United States Corporation, owning the entire capital stock of a foreign company, sells its raw material to this company at cost. From this raw material the foreign company manufactures a certain product which it sells exclusively in its own country. It pays for the raw material bought, and remits the net profits as soon as they are realized in cash.

The unit of this foreign currency is the crown, worthy sixty cents at par of exchange.

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The rate of exchange declining, the customary measures are taken by the U. S. corporation to guard against exchange losses. These measures consist, principally, of selling forward the foreign currency to be collected. For this reason and purpose, the company's costs and expenses, as well as the proceeds from its sales, must necessarily be determined as nearly as possible in advance.

Crowns are freely bought and sold in the U. S., there being no restriction by the foreign government on the transfer of domestic funds to other countries.

On October 1st, when the crown was selling at 30, the U. S. corporation shipped raw material which cost \$30,000 and billed the foreign company for the equivalent of 100,000 crowns, payable December 30th.

It was estimated that all manufacturing, selling, administration and other expenses applicable to this venture would be 120,000 crowns and that the product would be all sold by December 30th for 250,000 crowns. The estimate proved to be correct with one exception, viz:—the goods were actually sold and delivered by December 30th for 255,000 crowns, spot cash, f. o. b. factory.

The rate of exchange had, in the meantime, fallen to 20.

Solution:

October 1st:

Foreign company.....	30,000	
Inventory (sales to foreign subsidiary).....		30,000
To record shipment of raw materials at cost to foreign subsidiary—payment to be made December 30th.		
Due from exchange broker.....	39,000	
Liability on exchange sold.....		39,000
To record the sale of 130,000 crowns at 30, delivery to be made on December 30th, against the expected remittance upon collection of sale:		
Sales price.....	\$250,000	
Expenses.....	120,000	
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Remittance.....	\$130,000	
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December 30th:

Foreign company.....	10,000	
Profit on sales of foreign company.....		10,000
To record the profit on the sales of the foreign company as reported below.		
Cash.....	1,000	
Liability on exchange sold.....	39,000	
Foreign company.....		30,000
Foreign company.....		10,000
To record the receipt of exchange from the foreign company:		
130,000 crowns delivered at 30 against short sale of October 1st		
5,000 crowns sold at current market—20		
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135,000		
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Cash	\$39,000	
Due from exchange broker		\$39,000

To record the receipt of cash from the broker for exchange sold on October 1st and delivered this date (expenses and commissions incident to the sale would be deducted by the broker at this time and recorded).

The computation of the profit follows:

	Crowns	Rate	Dollars
Expected profit:			
Sales price	250,000		
Materials and expenses	220,000		
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Expected profit	30,000	.30	\$ 9,000
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Additional profit:			
Actual sales price	255,000		
Estimated sales price	250,000		
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Additional profit	5,000	.20	1,000
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Total	35,000		\$10,000
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If there had been no future sale of exchange, there would have been a loss on the transaction of \$3,000, as follows:

Cost of merchandise shipped to foreign company	\$30,000
Value of crowns received therefor:	
135,000 crowns at 20	27,000
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Loss	\$ 3,000
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The loss may be further analyzed as follows:

Profit of foreign company, as computed above	\$10,000
Loss that should have been averted by exchange transaction:	
130,000 crowns at 10 points (30-20)	13,000
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Loss	\$ 3,000
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No. 5 (14 points):

An excerpt from the certificate of incorporation of a certain corporation reads as follows:

"So long as five thousand (5,000) or more shares of \$7 cumulative preferred stock shall be outstanding the company shall not pay or declare any dividends in cash or property on any of its outstanding shares (exclusive of the cumulative dividends on outstanding shares of \$7 cumulative preferred stock) unless the company shall have, out of its net profits or out of its net assets in excess of its capital, purchased and canceled or redeemed an aggregate number of its \$7 cumulative preferred stock equal to the sum of the number of shares hereinafter designated for such purchase or redemption in respect of the calendar year in which such dividend payment is made and also in respect of each previous

calendar year subsequent to the calendar year 1927. The number of shares of \$7 cumulative preferred stock designated for purchase or redemption in respect of each calendar year for the purposes of the foregoing calculation shall be one-half of that number of shares arrived at by dividing the total number of shares of \$7 cumulative preferred stock outstanding on the first day of January of such calendar year by the number of full calendar years which will elapse between the first day of January (such day being included) of the calendar year in respect of which such determination is made and January 1, 1943."

There were 10,000 shares of preferred stock outstanding at January 1, 1928. No shares were subsequently sold and the company acquired preferred stock as follows:

In the year 1929.....	750 shares
" " " 1930.....	713 "
" " " 1931.....	526 "

How many shares of preferred stock will have to be acquired in 1932 and in 1933 to permit the company to pay a dividend in each of those years on its common stock?

Submit your answer in tabular form.

Solution:

The solution of this problem hinges on the interpretation of the second sentence: "the number of shares . . . designated for redemption in respect of each calendar year . . . shall be" a varying fraction of the shares of preferred stock outstanding at the beginning of that calendar year.

Does this sentence merely set a requirement for each year, which requirement may be satisfied in advance? Or, does this sentence imply that a certain fraction of the shares actually outstanding at the first of the year must be purchased during the year?

In support of the first contention it may be stated that the words "during the year" do not appear anywhere in the certificate; further, if the company is permitted to make good back requirements, why should it not be able to anticipate future requirements, even though the amount thereof may not be definitely known?

In support of the second contention, it may be argued that the year's requirements can not be determined exactly until the first of the year; therefore it seems anomalous that these requirements can be met in advance.

Because of the phraseology employed, the following solution has been prepared on the two bases. (In actual practice, the company's attorney should be asked to interpret this provision.)

(1) As long as the company's aggregate purchases at the close of any calendar year equal the aggregate requirements to date, the company may pay common dividends, whether or not it has made any purchases during the current year.

(1) Table showing preferred stock redemption requirements, shares redeemed or to be redeemed, and excess of redemptions over requirements, by years.

Current year	Years to January 1, 1943	Fraction	Shares outstanding at beginning of year	Redemption requirements		Shares redeemed or to be redeemed		Excess of redemptions over re- quirements
				Annual	Accumulated	Annual	Accumulated	
1928.....	15	1/30	10,000	333	333			333
1929.....	14	1/28	10,000	357	690	750	750	60
1930.....	13	1/26	9,250	356	1,046	713	1,463	417
1931.....	12	1/24	8,537	356	1,402	526	1,989	587
1932.....	11	1/22	8,011	364	1,766		1,989	223
1933.....	10	1/20	8,011	401	2,167	178	2,167	

Fractions over one-half are considered as full shares; fractions under one-half are disregarded.

On this basis, the required purchases would be:

1932.....	none
1933.....	178 shares

(2) The current year's requirements, plus all unsatisfied back requirements, must be purchased each year. Purchases, in excess of annual requirements may not be applied in satisfaction of the requirements of subsequent years.

On this basis, the required purchases would be:

1932.....	364 shares
1933.....	382 shares

Table showing preferred stock redemption requirements, shares redeemed or to be redeemed, and excess of redemptions over requirements, by years.

Current year	Years to January 1, 1943	Fraction	Shares outstanding at beginning of year	Redemption requirements		Shares redeemed or to be redeemed		Excess of redemptions over re- quirements
				Annual	Accumulated	Annual	Accumulated	
1928.....	15	1/30	10,000	333	333			333
1929.....	14	1/28	10,000	357	690	750	750	60
1930.....	13	1/26	9,250	356	1,046	713	1,463	417
1931.....	12	1/24	8,537	356	1,402	526	1,989	587
1932.....	11	1/22	8,011	364	1,766	364	2,353	587
1933.....	10	1/20	7,647	382	2,148	382	2,735	587

Fractions over one-half are considered as full shares; fractions under one-half are disregarded.